

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-10 were previously canceled.

Claims 12 and 24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 11, 13-23, and 25 have been amended. The amendments do not add new matter.

II. Acknowledgment of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the acknowledgment that claims 12-22 and 24-25 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 11 has been amended to recite the elements of claim 12 and claim 23 has been amended to recite the elements of claim 24. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11 and 23 are now in condition for allowance.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication 56-33207 ("JP '207"). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11 and 23 have been amended to recite the allowable subject matter from claims 12 and 24, respectively. Thus, JP '207 does not teach or suggest all of the elements of the independent claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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